

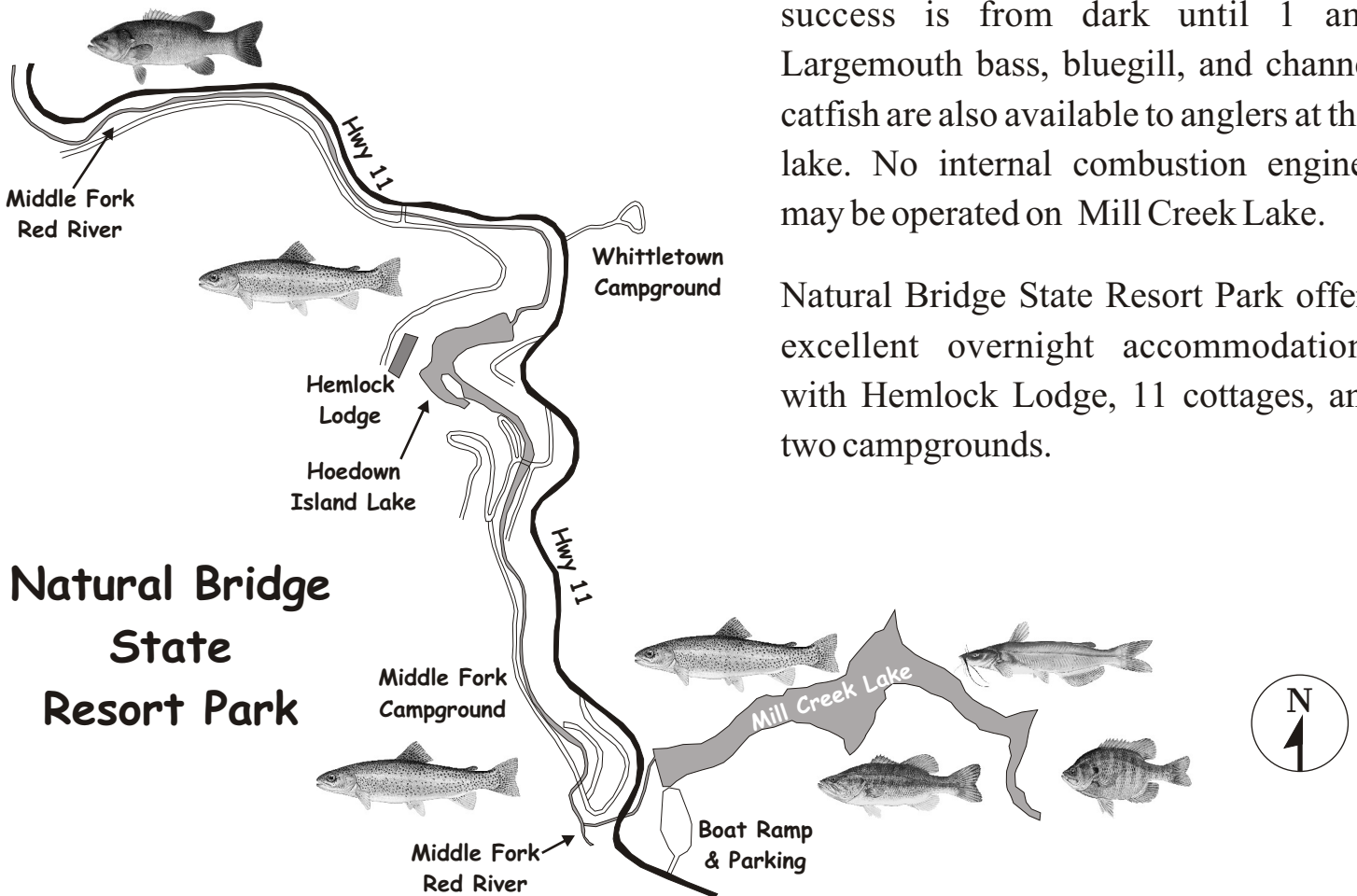
New Trout Fishery at Natural Bridge State Resort Park in Powell/Wolfe Counties

Middle Fork Red River will be stocked with 1,000 rainbow trout in early October throughout the 2.2-mile section that flows through Natural Bridge State Resort Park to provide a catch and release trout fishery from October 1 through March 31 each year. During this period, all anglers must fish with artificial baits only and immediately release all trout back into the stream. Trout will be available for harvest after March 31 each year. Middle Fork Red River will also continue to receive 1,000 rainbow trout in the park each month in March, April, and May. Beginning in 2005, the March stocking will provide additional trout to catch and release until April 1, when trout can then be harvested. No fishing is allowed on Hoedown Island Lake. The lower end of Middle Fork in the park offers smallmouth bass fishing in the spring.

Rainbow trout can also be caught in the 41-acre Mill Creek Lake located in Natural Bridge State Resort Park. A total of 5,500 rainbow trout are released into the lake in January, April, May, and October. A good night fishery for trout occurs during mid-May through early September. Anglers need to fish over the deepest area of the lake at depths of 12-20 feet. Best

success is from dark until 1 am. Largemouth bass, bluegill, and channel catfish are also available to anglers at this lake. No internal combustion engines may be operated on Mill Creek Lake.

Natural Bridge State Resort Park offers excellent overnight accommodations with Hemlock Lodge, 11 cottages, and two campgrounds.



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